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**U.S. House of Representatives  
112<sup>th</sup> Congress**

**EMPLOYEE  
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM**

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those persons required to file them. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within **15 days** after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms publicly available as soon as possible after they are received. *Obtain the dollar amounts from the sponsor; if exact dollar amounts are unavailable, provide a good faith estimate.*

Name of Employee (print or type): Mischa Fisher

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Departure and Date of Return: September 23rd - October 1st

Dates at Personal Expense: \_\_\_\_\_

Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Washington D.C. - Nicosia/Lefkosa (via  
Istanbul) - Kyrenia/Girne - Ankara - Istanbul - Patara - Istanbul - Washington D.C.

Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Turkish Coalition of America

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Attended meetings  
and events detailed in attached document

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box*):

1. ☒ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. ☒ the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the employee; **and**
3. ☒ the Committee on Ethics letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒

If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL EXPENSES:**

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For employee:	\$2,828.29	\$993.70	\$754.23
For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For employee:	\$248.75	historian fees, entrance fees
For accompanying family member:		

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:

DATE: October 14, 2011

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:

RANDALL HULTGREN

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2011

*Version date 1/2011 by Committee on Ethics*

**TCA-Sponsored Congressional Staffer Trip to Turkey**  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**  
**Final Itinerary**

**Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

10:55pm Depart from Dulles International Airport (IAD) on Turkish Airlines TK8

**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

4:10pm Arrive at Istanbul Ataturk Airport (IST)  
6:25pm Depart Istanbul Airport on Turkish Airlines Flight TK0962  
7:55pm Arrive at Ercan International Airport (ECN)  
9:00pm Check in to Buyuk Anadolu Hotel in Girne/Kyrenia  
9:30pm TCA welcome reception and trip briefing by TCA President Lincoln McCurdy and team

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

8.00am Breakfast meeting at the hotel. Speaker Assoc. Prof. Dr. Netice Yildiz, Art Historian Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Architecture  
9:00am Meeting with historian at Bellapais Abbey, Kyrenia Castle, and old Kyrenia Harbor  
11:30am Meeting with historian at Peace and Freedom Museum  
12:30am Luncheon Roundtable with University representatives at Camelot Restaurant  
Eastern Mediterranean Univ. – Associate Professor Dr. Altay Nevzat, International Relations Dept.  
Near East Univ. – Dr. Zeliha Khashman, Head of the Int'l Relations Dept.  
Girne American Univ. – Mr. Serhat Akpinar and additional faculty members  
Lefke European Univ. – Dr. Murat Ozkaleli  
Middle East Technical Univ. – Associate Professor Dr. Rebecca Bryant  
Int'l Cyprus Univ. – Associate Professor Dr. Nur Koprulu, Head of the Int'l Relations Dept.  
2:30pm Green line tour led by TRNC officials  
8:00pm Dinner to be hosted by H.E. Dr. Hasan Bozer, Speaker of the House, and Foreign Ministry Under Secretary Mr. Aytug Plumer also will attend at Girne Silver Rocks restaurant

**Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

4.45am Check out of hotel and depart for airport  
7:00am Depart Ercan International Airport on Turkish Airlines/Anadolu Jet Flight TK7307  
8:05am Arrive at Ankara Esenboga Airport (ESB)  
10:00am Wreath laying ceremony at Atatürk's Mausoleum (Anıtkabir)  
11:30am Luncheon meeting with U.S. Embassy DCM Jess Baily at Goksu restaurant  
2:00pm Meeting with Assistant General Director of Agreements Ms. Emine Sendil on areas of potential growth for bilateral trade as well as newly introduced legislation on proposed trade between Native American tribes and Turkey at the Ministry of Economy  
3:30pm Meeting with Serhat Aksen, Head of North American Affairs Department, and Ozgur Altan, NATO Department representative, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
5:00pm Head to Esenboga airport  
7:00pm Depart Ankara Esenboga Airport on Turkish Airlines TK2167  
8:05pm Arrive Istanbul Ataturk Airport (IST)  
9:30pm Check in to the Nippon Hotel

## **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

- 8:30am Meeting with NGO representatives at Turkish Cultural Foundation (TCF)  
KAGIDER: Tugba Jabban, Member and Foreign Relations Working Group  
ACEV: Melissa Akin, Organizational Development Department
- 9:30am Meeting with Jewish Turkish community representatives  
Ishak Ibrahimzadeh, Deputy Chairman  
Deniz Saporta, Public Relations representative
- 10:00am Briefing on Turkish Cultural Foundation by Executive Director, Guler Koknar
- 10:45am Lecture on "Turkish Art in the Time of Suleyman the Magnificent" by Dr. Nurhan Atasoy, Resident Scholar at the Turkish Cultural Foundation
- 12:00pm Meeting with historian at the Yerebatan Sarnici and Hagia Sophia
- 1:30pm Lecture with cooking demonstration on Selcuk and Turkish cuisine
- 1:45pm Lunch at Nar restaurant
- 3:30pm Meeting with historian at the Grand Bazaar and Spice Market
- 8:00pm Dinner on the Bosphorus aboard the m/y Berrak with business representatives, academics, and State Department representatives

## **Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Day trip to Patara**

- 5.15am Depart hotel
- 7:35am Depart Istanbul Ataturk Airport (SAW) on Turkish Airlines Flight TK2552
- 8:55am Arrive at Dalaman Airport (DLM)
- 12:00pm Meeting with historian at the ruins of the Lycian League
- 4:15pm Depart for the airport
- 7:30pm Depart from Dalaman Airport (DLM) on Turkish Airlines Flight TK2559
- 8:50pm Arrive at Istanbul Ataturk Airport (IST)
- 10:30pm Arrive at hotel

### **Patara and its Influence on U.S. History:**

Located on the Mediterranean Coast, Patara was the capital of the Lycian League, the birthplace of proportional representation. Unbeknownst to many Americans, Patara plays a pivotal role in the history of the United States. The ancient civilization's democratic principles helped shaped the US Constitution, as founding fathers Alexander Hamilton and James Madison each examined the Lycian form of government in the Federalist papers. Patara's deep-rooted influence on American democracy is also inherent in the chambers of the US Congress today. The seating arrangement in the chambers is a direct descendant of the semicircular rows of the Lycian parliament building, the Bouleuterion, which once seated about 1,100 members in Patara.

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- 9:15am Meeting with historian at the Blue Mosque
- 9:45am Lecture on a Mevlid ceremony
- 11:00am Meeting with historian at the Topkapi Palace
- 1:30pm Luncheon discussion with Dr. Sabri Sayari and American Studies students at Bahcesehir University
- 3:30pm Meeting with press cancelled as the two members of the press who were set to speak with the group had last minute assignments they were called on
- 7:30pm Reception and dinner with Burton CODEL

**Friday, September 30th, 2011**

- 9:00am Breakfast at hotel with religious minority group leaders
- 11:00am Meeting with historian at Archaeological Museum
- 1:00pm Lunch and discussion on palatial Ottoman cuisine at Matbah restaurant
- 3:30pm Meeting with community representative at Surp Harutyun renovated Armenian-Orthodox church
- 5:00pm Arrive at Nippon Hotel
- 6:30pm Depart hotel for dinner
- 7:30pm Farewell Dinner at Mavi Balik Fish Restaurant with NGO, business representatives, minority representatives and Consul Generals including:
  - Consul General of Azerbaijan: Samir Ahmadov
  - U.S. Consulate representative: Gabrielle Price
  - TIM-Turkish Exporters Union: Ibrahim Yilmaz
  - Documentary film producer for TRT, Ece Soydan
  - Lale Akarun, ILKYAR
  - Ibrahim Yilmaz, Turkish Exporters Union

**Saturday, October 1st, 2011**

- 7:55am Depart Istanbul Ataturk Airport on Turkish Airlines Flight TK1979
- 10:05am Arrive London Heathrow Airport (LHR)
- 12:00pm Depart London Heathrow Airport on Turkish Airlines Flight TK8693/United UA919)
- 3:14pm Arrive Dulles International Airport (IAD)

**U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics**

**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM  
(provide directly to each House invitee)**

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule XXV, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

*Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.*

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Turkish Coalition of America
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): additional page attached with list of invitees and invitation explanation
6. Dates of travel: Friday, September 23rd - Sunday, October 1st
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Washington D.C. - Nicosia - Girne - Ankara  
- Istanbul - Patara - Istanbul - Washington D.C.
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
9. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: ☒ or
  - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
  - a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐ or
  - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered: ☐If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Purpose of the trip and the role of TCA as sponsor detailed in full in attached document
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip explained in attached document.
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (i.e., a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commercial airlines (Lufthansa and Turkish Airlines) will be utilized for transatlantic and domestic flights.  
The class of travel on these flights will be economy. Buses and boats will be utilized for ground transportation purposes.
15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
16. I represent that either (check one of the following):  
a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ *or*  
b. The trip involves events that are arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation: ☒  
If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Purpose of the trip to selected locations detailed in attached document
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Hotel Pia Bella (Girne, Cyprus); Pera Tulip Hotel (Istanbul, Turkey)
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): Hotel Pia Bella: \$215  
Pera Tulip Hotel: \$200
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: These hotels were selected due to their proximity to meeting sites

21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 750.00
For each accompanying family member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$ 350.00	historian fees, entrance fees
For each accompanying family member		

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒

23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: G. Lincoln McCurdy

Name and title: Lincoln McCurdy, President

Organization: Turkish Coalition of America

Address: 1510 H St. NW, suite 900, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: (202) 370-1399

Fax number: (202) 370-1398

Email Address: lmccurdy@tc-america.org

The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

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**U.S. House of Representatives  
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**PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM  
For Members, Officers, and Employees**

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

**YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Mischa Fisher

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Office address: 427 Cannon

Phone number: 6-0561

Email address of contact person: mischa.fisher@mail.house.gov

- ☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

**NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.**

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Washington, DC 20515  
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PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Mischa Fisher
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Turkish Coalition of America
3. Travel destination(s): Nicosia & Girne -- Northern Cyprus; Ankara, Istanbul, Patara -- Turkey
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: Friday, September 23rd - Sunday, October 1st  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
b. If yes, check one of the following: ☒ N/A - Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)  
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: ☐ or  
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: ☐  
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box): ☒
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:  
Congressman's advisor for foreign affairs
9. **FOR STAFF:**  
**TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 10-14-11

Kirk Hult  
Signature of Employing Member

**NOTE:** This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

TCA September 23<sup>rd</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 Congressional Trip  
List of Participants and Trip Purpose

1. Sarah Makin – Senior Policy Advisor and Coalitions Director, House Republican Conference
2. Alex Shively – Senior Policy Adviser, Rep. Tom Price (R-6<sup>th</sup> GA)
3. Amanda Little – Communications Director, Rep. Phil Roe (R-TN 1<sup>st</sup>)
4. Erin Donar – Communications Director & Policy Advisor, Rep. Dale Kildee (D-5<sup>th</sup> MI)
5. Mischa Fisher – Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Randy Hultgren (R-14<sup>th</sup> IL)
6. Josh Dover – Energy and Native American Affairs Legislative Assistant, Rep. Colleen Hanabusa (D-1<sup>st</sup> HI)
7. Sirat Attapit – Foreign Affairs and Military Legislative Assistant, Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-31<sup>st</sup> CA)
8. Lauren Williams – Foreign Affairs and Military Legislative Assistant, Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-3<sup>rd</sup> TN)
9. Kelsey Mishkin – Military Legislative Assistant, Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-7<sup>th</sup> AZ)

Purpose of the Trip:

The Turkish Coalition of America (TCA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering cooperation between the United States of America and Turkey. TCA's proposed September delegation is set to commence with a stopover in Northern Cyprus. Participating staffers will be provided a unique opportunity to meet with Turkish Cypriot government representatives as well as United Nations peacekeeping officials all working tirelessly to reunite this divided island. The United States steadfastly supports Turkish and UN reunification efforts as well as Turkey's hopes to join the European Union itself. We hope that delegates will return to the United States better informed of the realities on the ground in Cyprus and use this newfound knowledge to support future initiatives seeking to bring together Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

While in Turkey, TCA hopes to enhance participating staffers' knowledge of the U.S.-Turkey partnership through meetings with American and Turkish officials, NGO representatives, minority group leaders, members of the press, academics, business community representatives, and regional experts. In visiting not just the nation's capital (Ankara) and its most famous city (Istanbul) but participating in meetings in Patara we anticipate that participants will have a better grasp of Turkey's considerable diversity on a political, social, economic, and historical scale. It is our great hope that participants will return from this trip having gained a new perspective and first-hand knowledge with which they may approach issues pertaining to the U.S.'s relations with Turkey.

**Proposed TCA-Sponsored Congressional Staffer Trip to Turkey**  
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10:45am Meeting with historian at Peace and Freedom Museum  
12:30am Luncheon roundtable with students and faculty at Girne American University (GAU)  
2:00pm Meeting with Special Representative and Chief of Mission of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), Ms. Lisa M. Bittenheim, and UN Development Program – Action for Cooperation and Trust (UNDP-ACT) representatives at the Green Line  
5:00pm Arrive at Hotel Pia Bella  
7:00pm Dinner briefing with TRNC President Dervis Eroglu, Prime Minister Irsen Kucuk, and Foreign Minister Huseyin Ozgurgun

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10:00am Meeting with historian at the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia  
12:30pm Luncheon lecture on Ottoman and Selcuk Turkish cuisine and briefings on TCA and Turkish Cultural Foundation by these organizations' President and Executive Director, respectively at Armaggan Nar Restaurant  
2:30pm Meeting with historian at the Grand Bazaar and Spice Market  
8:00pm Dinner briefing on U.S.-Turkey relations with business representatives and think tank experts on Turkish defense, energy, and trade on the rooftop of the Marmara – Pera Hotel.

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#### **Patara and its Influence on U.S. History:**

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- 3:30pm Briefing with members of the press (off the record) in Ortakoy at the Radisson Hotel
- 5:45pm Arrive at the Pera Tulip Hotel
- 6:45pm Depart hotel for dinner
- 7:30pm Dinner with U.S. Consul General Scott Kilner at Armaggan Nar Restaurant

### **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

- 9:00am Breakfast at hotel with NGO representatives from Association for Support and Training of Women Candidates (KA-DER), Flying Broom (women's rights), UNHCR, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV), and Turkish Business and Industry Association (TUSIAD)
- 11:00am Meeting with historian at Yerebatan Sarnici
- 1:00pm Luncheon meeting with Major General Commander Ismail Serdar Savas of Turkey's NATO Rapid Deployable Corps
- 3:30pm Meeting with community representative at Surp Harutyun renovated Armenian-Orthodox church
- 5:00pm Arrive at the Pera Tulip Hotel
- 6:30pm Depart hotel for dinner
- 7:00pm Farewell dinner on the Bosphorus with various Consul Generals, business representatives, academics, NGO representatives, members of the press, and minority leaders

### **Saturday, October 1st, 2011**

- 11:20am Depart Istanbul Ataturk Airport on Turkish Airlines Flight TK5
- 3:15pm Arrive Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD)
- 6:08pm Depart Chicago O'Hare International Airport on Turkish Airlines Flight TK8663
- 9:01pm Arrive Dulles International Airport (IAD)

Jo Bonner, Alabama  
*Chairman*  
Linda T. Sánchez, California  
*Ranking Member*

Michael T. McCaul, Texas  
K. Michael Conaway, Texas  
Charles W. Dent, Pennsylvania  
Gregg Harper, Mississippi

John A. Yarmuth, Kentucky  
Donna F. Edwards, Maryland  
Pedro R. Pierluisi, Puerto Rico  
Joe Courtney, Connecticut



ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH CONGRESS

## U.S. House of Representatives

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Mr. Mischa Fisher  
Office of the Honorable Randy Hultgren  
427 Cannon House Office Building  
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Dear Mr. Fisher:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Turkey, scheduled for September 23 to October 1, 2011, sponsored by the Turkish Coalition of America.

You must complete an Employee Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including all attachments. You must also include a copy of the Traveler Form completed by you and signed by your employing Member. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$350 from a single source on Schedule VII of that statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$350 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Jo Bonner  
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Ranking Member

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